

Network in the News ***December 2007***

Bring on the Jobs! **Warehouse Hiring Event**

On December 12, the Pacific Gateway Goods Movement/Logistics program hosted a warehouse hiring event. The hiring event was exclusively for Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network (Network) customers and featured well known companies such as Target, FED – EX, and the Home Depot. Seventy-five customers had the opportunity to speak with employers, and turn in applications and resumes. The Network provided a pre-event workshop, which prepared the customers: practicing what to say to employers, learning about proper attire, and polishing up their resumes.



New Digs – Adult Services Returns to First Floor

The Adult Services unit has returned home to the newly reconstructed area of the first floor, creating easier access for clients when they see their case managers. The next move will come shortly, when the administrative staff moves from the second floor to the third to allow for the construction of the new Youth Opportunity Center on the second floor. It is an exciting time as the Career Transition Center evolves to become an easy access, more customer friendly center, with services to meet a variety of customer needs.

Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network, Long Beach City College and Long Beach Memorial Medical Center Work Together to Increase the Number of RNs in Area

Thanks to funding through the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network, 18 students earned an Associate Degree in Nursing (RN) from Long Beach City College (LBCC) and were honored at a special ceremony at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center (Memorial) on December 19.

The Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network's (Network) Healthcare Initiative, which is one of several high wage, high growth industry clusters funded through the Network, works with LBCC and Memorial to implement the Nursing Education Capacity Enhancement Project (NCE).

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"It has been anticipated that more than 15,000 new health care professionals will be needed by 2010 to meet the demands of our area's growing population," said Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster. "This program is a great model and demonstrates how City, health care and educational professionals work together to address this critical need."

Bryan Rogers, Executive Director of the Network, agrees that the community is responding to the high demand for healthcare workforce training.

"Leaders from the City of Long Beach, LBCC, CSULB, Memorial, St. Mary Medical Center, Community Hospital, Molina Health Care, and other health care leaders came together to form a dynamic Medical Industry Taskforce in 2004," said Rogers. "The Partnership established strategies that led to the development of customized career-ladder training programs that can significantly increase the quality of healthcare in the region; NCE is one of those programs."

The two-year RN program consists of both clinical and theoretical instruction. The classes prepare students for both a career as an RN and for the national registered nurse licensing examination. Students who have been accepted into LBCC's Associate Degree of Nursing program are eligible for funding through the Network. Most of the graduates begin their careers at Memorial immediately following graduation.

Students attend classes at both LBCC and Memorial. Dr. Daisy Hines, who serves as the Coordinator/Mentor for the students at LBCC said, "We've been with these students from the start. It's been a privilege to meet them and see how success has changed their lives."

Under the guidance of Memorial's Clinical Workforce Coordinator Susan Crockett, students get hands-on clinical site rotations. She also ensures that each student has an on-site RN mentor who assists the students as they make their transition from students to professionals. "This is a testament to the power of our three-way partnership. Through experience, we've learned to work well as a team to do what's best for the students. It's an exciting collaboration," said Ms. Crockett.

Interested individuals can call 562.938.4166, the Nursing Department at LBCC, for more information.

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